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SECRETARY PROVIDES CONFIDENTIAL PNR INFORMATION FOR PAYMENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 CASE OIG-I-2014-513

A secretary to a Train and Engine crew regularly provided confidential Passenger Name Reservation (PNR) information to US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents without seeking approval from Amtrak management or the Amtrak Police Department (APD). The employee received \$854,460 in payment from DEA for this information from 1995 to the present. APD and DEA participate in a joint drug enforcement task force. The drug task force members can obtain Amtrak PNR information from APD task force members at no cost. The actions of the secretary prevented APD from jointly working with DEA in narcotics trafficking on Amtrak property, thus depriving APD from receiving \$854,460 in asset forfeiture funds. The secretary was removed from service and chose to retire. The employee was subsequently dismissed as the result of a formal hearing.